

A nontraditional nursing education program is defined in the law at O.C.G.A. § 43-26-7 (e) which states:

A nontraditional nursing education program shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Is part of an institution of higher education that is approved by the appropriate regulatory authorities of its home state;
- (2) Holds regional and specialty accreditation by an accrediting body or bodies recognized by the United States Secretary of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation;
- (3) Requires its program applicants to be a licensed practical/vocational nurse, military medical corpsman, or paramedic;
- (4) Requires its students to pass faculty determined program outcomes including competency based assessments of nursing knowledge and a summative performance assessment of clinical competency of a minimum of 2 1/2 days developed by faculty subject matter experts that follows nationally recognized standards for educational testing; and
- (5) Its graduates pass a board recognized licensing examination at a rate equivalent to the minimum rate required for board approved traditional nursing education programs.